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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, AUGUST 22

- 1. NYT (PAGE 1) "SOVIET GRAIN DEAL TO RAISE FOOD COST
  1.5 PER CENT, BUTZ SAYS." DIANE HENRY REPORTS THAT
  SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE BUTZ SAID YESTERDAY THAT INCREASE
  IN FOOD PRICES IN 1975 WOULD TOTAL NINE PER CENT, WITH
  1.5 PER CENT ATTRIBUTABLE TO SALE OF 9.8 MILLION TONS OF
  GRAIN TO SOVIET UNION. (ALSO WP, WSJ)
- 2. CSM "TASS DENIES SOVIET FLEET A THREAT TO SHIPPING", DATELINE MOSCOW. ASIDE FROM MENTIONING TASS STATEMENT, ARTICLE QUOTES AT LENGTH FROM EDITOR OF JANE'S FIGHTING SHIPS.
- 3. SUN (PAGE 2) "U.S., SOVIET DRAFT PACT TO BAN MISUSE OF WEATHER," DATELINE GENEVA, REPORTS ON SUBMISSION BY US AND USSR AT GENEVA DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE THE TEXT OF AN INTERNATIONAL PACT TO BAN ATTEMPTS TO MANIPULATE WEATHER OR OTHERWISE MODIFY ENVIRONMENT FOR MILITARY OR OTHER HOSTILE PURPOSES. TABLING OF PROPOSED ACCORD, ONLY WEEK BEFORE CONFERENCE DUE TO RECESS UNTIL NEXT SPRING, MARKED FIRST UNCLASSIFIED

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MAJOR ADVANCE AT 30-NATION TALKS SINCE ADOPTION OF 1971

PACT OUTLAWING GERM AND OTHER FORMS OF BIOLOGICAL WARFARE. (ALL PAPERS)

4. SUN (PAGE 15) PETER A. JAY COLUMN "GRAIN BOYCOTT IS POORLY INSPIRED." DOCKWORKERS DO NOT STAND TO GAIN BY RESISTING GRAIN SALE; THEY STAND TO LOSE, AS DOES AMERICAN CONSUMER. SALE, AS PRESIDENT SAID, IS GOOD DEAL. ANY TIME AMERICAN-PRODUCED FOOD CAN BE SOLD ABROAD FOR HARD CURRENCY AT FREE MARKET PRICES, DOLLAR IS STRENGTHENED, WHICH MAKES ALL IMPORTED GOODS CHEAPER AND HAS IMPACT ON ECONOMY WHICH BENEFITS ALL CONSUMERS - EVEN DOCKWORKERS. ROBINSON

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